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### 6 FAM 720

### HOUSING ABROAD PROGRAM

#### CHANGES

1. **6 FAM 728.1, Allocating GO/LTL Residential Space (subparagraph (2))**: This revision clarifies the treatment of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Foreign Service employees as belonging to a foreign affairs agency for the purpose of housing assignments abroad.

2. **6 FAM 720 throughout**: All references to "administrative" officer or counselor have been changed to "management" officer or counselor in accordance with the change in these position titles by the Bureau of Human Resources (DGHR).

3. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

4. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to International Broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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